

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015
NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 396.](#)

By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harrell of the 106th, Battles of the 15th, Williamson of the 115th, and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to clarify the penalty for failure to file return or pay revenue held in trust for the state; to prevent the obstruction of officials levying tax executions; to clarify the definition of prescription; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 397.](#)

By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Roberts of the 155th, Houston of the 170th, Nimmer of the 178th, McCall of the 33rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to soil and water conservation districts, so as to revise provisions relating to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission; to provide for administrative attachment; to provide for appointment to the commission; to remove authority related to eminent domain; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to erosion and sedimentation control, so as to provide for erosion manual publication oversight; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 398.](#)

By Representative Holmes of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate and grant a new charter to the City of Monticello, approved March 10, 1959 (Ga. L. 1959, p. 2683), as amended, so as to dissolve the municipal court; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 399.](#)

By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stover of the 71st, Quick of the 117th, and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to revise various requirements and provisions relative to county and municipal hospital authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 400.](#)

By Representative Hawkins of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act incorporating the Town of Clermont in Hall County, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4782), as amended, so as to completely revise such charter; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 401.](#)

By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Dempsey of the 13th, and Broadrick of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning; to amend Code Section 16-12-1.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restrictions on persons with criminal records with regard to child, family, or group-care facilities, so as to revise terminology; to amend Code Section 25-2-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire and other hazards in buildings presenting special hazards to persons or property, so as to revise terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 402.](#)

By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, England of the 116th, Broadrick of the 4th, Coleman of the 97th, Dickson of the 6th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 and Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of insurance rates and workers' compensation, respectively, so as to encourage employers to provide work based learning opportunities for students age 16 and older; to provide for an optional reduction in workers' compensation premiums for employers that provide work based learning; to provide that work based learning students are covered under workers' compensation insurance; to establish criteria for employers providing work based learning; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 403.](#)

By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Washington County and to provide for its powers and duties; to define certain terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 404.](#)

By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to abolish the office of county treasurer of Glascock County; to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to fix the salary of the treasurer of Glascock County," approved August 4, 1917 (Ga. L. 1917, p. 363); to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 405.](#)

By Representatives Quick of the 117th, Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, and Fleming of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 13 and Chapter 3 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the defense of the statute of frauds in contracts and marriage generally, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to agreements required to be in writing; to change provisions relating to marriage articles; to provide for a definition; to clarify provisions relating to antenuptial agreements; to repeal provisions relating to recording certain documents; to modernize terminology and repeal arcane concepts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 406.](#)

By Representative Parsons of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in kindergarten through grade 12; to provide that professional learning and in-service training may include programs on sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 407.](#)

By Representatives Mabra of the 63rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Rogers of the 29th, and Bruce of the 61st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pain management clinics, so as to require Opioid Education and Pro-Active Addiction Counseling for patients who are prescribed Schedule II or III controlled substances for chronic pain for extended periods; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 408.](#)

By Representatives Willard of the 51st, Raffensperger of the 50th, Geisinger of the 48th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an excise tax on rooms, lodging, and accommodations, so as to clarify the application of certain provisions to certain municipalities; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 409.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Sims of the 123rd, Harbin of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Carter of the 175th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance general provisions, so as to provide reimbursement for the treatment of burns for skin substitutes utilizing cadaver derived skin tissue or nonhuman xenographic derived skin tissue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 410.](#)

By Representatives Evans of the 42nd, Carson of the 46th, Reeves of the 34th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 10, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 4102), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the state court; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 411.](#)

By Representatives Watson of the 172nd, LaRicca of the 169th, Shaw of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 119th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weight of vehicles and loads, so as to provide for the maximum total gross weight for vehicles hauling unfinished wood products when traveling on noninterstate highways; to provide for no restrictions on the weight for vehicle axles hauling such products so long as certain restrictions are met; to provide for a variance for vehicles hauling such products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 412.](#)

By Representatives Hamilton of the 24th, Nimmer of the 178th, Fleming of the 121st, Ehrhart of the 36th, Bryant of the 162nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to change certain provisions relating to workers' compensation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 413.](#)

By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Caldwell of the 20th, Cantrell of the 22nd, Carson of the 46th, and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the office of commissioner of Cherokee County, approved August 9, 1915 (Ga. L. 1915, p. 177), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4295), so as to provide that candidates for the board of commissioners shall have resided within the respective district from which they seek election for a period of at least 12 months immediately preceding their election; to provide for related matters; to provide contingent effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 414.](#)

By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Dudgeon of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Kaiser of the 59th, Stovall of the 74th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to establish and implement policies and requirements with respect to the collection and disclosure of student data; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 415.](#)

By Representatives Harbin of the 122nd, Pruett of the 149th, Clark of the 101st, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Nix of the 69th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide that machinery and equipment used in research and development is exempt from sales and use taxes; to provide and revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 416.](#)

By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Cooper of the 43rd, Rynders of the 152nd, Kidd of the 145th, Hatchett of the 150th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to professions and businesses, so as to provide for certain identification by health care practitioners to patients with regard to their license; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to require that advertisements identify a health care practitioner's license; to require identifiers and signage; to provide for applicability; to provide for violations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 417.](#)

By Representatives Frye of the 118th, Quick of the 117th, Williams of the 119th, Atwood of the 179th, Hitchens of the 161st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for definitions; to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 418.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Tanner of the 9th, Efstration of the 104th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Strickland of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-12-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the qualifications for grand jurors, so as to prohibit certain individuals from serving as grand jurors; to prohibit quashing of indictments when ineligible grand jurors serve on a grand jury; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 419.](#)

By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 420.](#)

By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to franchise taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 421.](#)

By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Coomer of the 14th, and Dickey of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-221 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disability allowances payable to personnel for certain disabilities arising in the line of duty, so as to provide that community supervision officers employed by the Department of Community Supervision shall be entitled to certain disability benefits; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 422.](#)

By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Coomer of the 14th, and Dickey of the 140th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-323 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to membership in retirement system of employees of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, creditable service, and contributions, so as to change the name of the council; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 423.](#)

By Representatives Caldwell of the 20th, Pezold of the 133rd, Turner of the 21st, Brockway of the 102nd, Spencer of the 180th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-12-75 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the contents and form of the budget report, so as to require that the budget report contain the constitutional authorization for each line item contained in the report; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

[HB 424.](#)

By Representative Tarvin of the 2nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of LaFayette to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 425.](#)

By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Americus, approved April 13, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5985), as amended, so as to provide for a city manager; to provide for appointment, qualifications, terms, removal, and vacancies; to provide for duties, powers, and responsibilities; to provide for appointment of a city clerk and finance director; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 426.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Smyre of the 135th, Stephens of the 164th, Abrams of the 89th, Sims of the 123rd, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide a new exemption from state sales and use tax only for a limited period of time regarding the sale or use of tangible personal property to certain nonprofit health centers; to provide a new exemption for a limited period of time with respect to certain nonprofit volunteer health clinics; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HR 425.](#)

By Representative Ralston of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Roy William Beaver and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 426.](#)

By Representatives Gordon of the 163rd, Mitchell of the 88th, Marin of the 96th, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 62nd, and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the superior courts to prefer the suspension of the service of a sentence or probation in cases pertaining to the offense of abandonment; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HR 450.](#)

By Representatives Turner of the 21st, McCall of the 33rd, Kaiser of the 59th, Stover of the 71st, Spencer of the 180th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Genetically Engineered Foods; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS